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University pauses city parklet application

The University will pause work on its proposed Melville St parklet to reflect on community feedback and await the arrival of the City of Hobart's precinct plan.

The University yesterday contacted the City of Hobart and paused the development application for the parklet.

The temporary parklet was intended to trial principles that arose from community consultation around Southern Campus Transformation [Urban Design Framework](#) to provide green space and amenity in the inner city.

"During the consultation that shaped that our plans for the city, streets users said they wanted to see more greenery, street furniture and activation," Vice-Chancellor Professor Rufus Black said.

"We embarked on this project because there was strong support for this sort of amenity in the city.

"As plans developed, that translated into support for the parklet and the chance to test this approach – but there is clearly opposition so we need to pause. It has become clear that we need to have a deeper conversation with the community."

Professor Black said the University would work to ensure its plans aligned with the City of Hobart's new precinct plan.

"We are committed to enhancing what makes Hobart special by making very sustainable, human scaled buildings that make that higher education more accessible to more people and enhance the vibrancy and life of the city."

The temporary parklet proposal was due to proceed to the Planning Committee on Monday, 29 November.

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